

REMARKS

The Office action mailed on 17 March 2004 (Paper No. 20040308) has been carefully considered.

Claims 5, 11, 15, 16 and 19 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 6 thru 10, 12, 13, 17 and 20 are being amended, and claims 21 thru 25 are being added. Thus, claims 1 thru 4, 6 thru 10, 12 thru 14, 17, 18 and 20 thru 25 are pending in the application.

In paragraph 1 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to the title of the invention as being non-descriptive. The title is being amended to read "IMPROVED CATHODE RAY TUBE HAVING MASK ASSEMBLY FOR DISPLAYING CLEARER IMAGES". Thus, the objection should no longer apply.

In paragraph 2 of the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 thru 6, 13 thru 15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 for alleged anticipation by Bae *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,614,153. In paragraph 3 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to claims 7 thru 12, 16, 19 and 20 for dependency upon a rejected base claim, but stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For the reasons stated below, it is submitted that the invention recited in the claims, as now amended, is distinguishable from the prior art cited

by the Examiner so as to preclude rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103.

Independent claim 1 is being amended to include the recitations of dependent claim 5 and allowable dependent claim 11. Since intervening dependent claims 2 and 6 were determined by the Examiner not to recite allowable subject matter, their recitations have been omitted as not essential to patentability of amended claim 1.

Dependent claims 7 thru 10 and 12, determined by the Examiner to recite allowable subject matter, are being amended to appear in independent form. However, again, since intervening dependent claims 2 and 6 were determined by the Examiner not to recite allowable subject matter, their recitations have been omitted as not essential to patentability of amended claims 7 thru 10 and 12.

Independent claim 13 is being amended to include the recitations of dependent claim 15 and allowable dependent claim 16. Since intervening dependent claim 14 was determined by the Examiner not to recite allowable subject matter, its recitation has been omitted as not essential to patentability of amended claim 15.

Independent claim 17 is being amended to include the recitation of allowable dependent claim 19, and allowable dependent claim 20 is being amended to appear in independent form.

Finally, appropriate dependent claims are being added to provide complete protection of the invention.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance, and early issuance thereof is solicited. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

A fee of \$516.00 is incurred by the addition of six (6) independent claims in excess of 3. Applicant's check drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanies this Amendment. Should the check become lost, be deficient in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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